Texas Commission On Environmental Quality

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Commissioners Worksession

Date:

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Subject:

Discussion and consideration of the development by the Executive Director of an

advisory group with regard to the public notice and hearing requirements for water

right applications subject to Texas Water Code Section 11.122(b).

At the September 7, 2007, worksession concerning notice for water rights amendments, the Commissioners decided that a stakeholder advisory group should be created to advise the Commission on what type of notice should be given for different types of water rights amendments after the Texas Supreme Court's decision concerning the City of Marshall.

The Executive Director has prepared a list of 21 persons for an Executive Director created advisory group for water rights amendments. This group will be called the Water Rights Amendment Notice (WRAN) advisory group. The list of persons who have agreed to be on the advisory group is attached to this memo.

The first advisory group meeting has been set for October 16, 2007, at 9:30 a.m. in Room 2210, Building F, at the TCEQ Austin offices.

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